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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, APRIL 18th, 1884.

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PRICE \$2 PER MONTH

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

April 16, BANGALORE, British steamer, 1,399
Hassal, Bombay, 30th March, General—
P. & O. S. N. Co.

April 17, PEKING, British str., 354, Helgoland, Canton, 16th April, General—SIEMSEN & Co.

April 17, ATALANTA, German steamer, 787, Pfaff, Newhaven 9th April, Boats—
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April 17, BURG, Russian steamer, 1,313, Kozly, Odessa, General—CAPTAIN.

April 17, CATHEDRAL, British steamer, 1,700, Wm. Jack, Newcastle, N.S.W., 27th March, Coal—BONNO Co.

April 17, STENTOR, British steamer, 1,304, Edwards, Shanghai 11th April, General—
BUTTERFIELD & SWINE.

April 17, FOKEIN, British steamer, 509, Geo. Westoby, Tamsui 14th April, Amy 15th, and Swatow 16th, General—DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

April 17, GLICKSBURG, German steamer, Mission, Swatow 16th April, General—BUN HIN CHAN.

April 17, ENTERPRISE, Am. corvette, 1,375, Comdr. Albert S. Baker, Shanghai 13th April.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.

APRIL 17TH.

Glucksbury, German steamer, for Singapore. Roslyn, British steamer, for Amoy. Triunph, German steamer, for Quangchow. Russia, Russian steamer, for Nagasaki. Skandor, British steamer, for Singapore. Tentsuwa, German bark, for Montreal (N.A.). M. D'Ischmann, Ger. schooner, for Whampoa. Francisco Reyes, Span. steamer, for Manila.

DEPARTURES.

April 17, HOI-TUNG-HONG, Chinese gunboat, for Canton.

April 17, M. D'ISCHMANN, German schooner, for Singapore.

April 17, PEMBROKESHIRE, British steamer, for Saigon.

April 17, GLENFAILLOCH, British steamer, for Swatow.

April 17, NAMOA, British str., for Swatow.

April 17, RUSSIA, Russian str., for Nagasaki.

April 17, ROSSLYN, British steamer, for Amoy.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per Bangalore, str., from Bombay—Dr. and Mrs. Andersen, and Mr. Ellis, and 130 Chinese. Per Russia, str., from Odessa—8 Europeans. Cabin, and 750 steerage.

Per Folken, str., from Tamsui, Amy, and Swatow 16th, Chinese.

Per Skandor, str., from Shanghai—Messrs. Brennan, Burke, Hunter, Dr. Leslie, Mrs. Stewart, and four children, and 40 Chinese.

Per Glucksbury, str., from Swatow.—740 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Lenox, str., for Singapore—Mr. F. F. Street.

Per Haidong, str., for Amy—Mr. T. G. Gowland, for Tamsui—A. E. Hubbard.

REPORTS.

The British steamer *Seator* reports light N.E. winds and fine weather throughout.

The German steamer *Atalanta* reports had thick fog from Shanghai to Baren Islands and off Tamsui. Light N.E. wind throughout.

The British steamer *Bangalore* reports light wind and fine weather till within 300 miles of Hongkong with North-east monsoon. On the 2nd instant spoke the *Narcissus*, from Greenwich, in lat. 8.50 N., and long. 77 E.

The British steamer *Bikin* reports having experienced moderate N.E. wind and clear weather throughout the passage. In Tamsui H.M.S. Fly. In Amoy—French men-of-war *La Galissonniere*, *Duguay-Trouin*, and *Troyon-phant*, and H.M.S. *Swift* and steamer *Pocahontas*. In Swatow—Steamers *Tsingtao*, *Kwangtung*, *Keran*, *Tientsin*, and *Feeling*.

AMOY SHIPPING.

ARRIVED.

April—M. Nansen, British steamer from Foochow. 10, Oglethorpe, Ger. str., from Swatow. 10, Folken, British str., from Hwang. 11, Police, British str., from Hongkong. 12, Vortigern, British steamer from Swatow. 12, Elsie, German bark from Tamsui. 12, Hailong, British str., from Tamsui. 12, Douglas, British str., from Hongkong. 13, Kwantung, British str., from Tamsui. 13, Seow, British steamer, from Taiwanfu. 13, Hing Fung, C. Co., from Formosa. 14, Steamer, with str., from Shanghai.

April—DEPARTURES.

10, Ling Feng, Ger. steamer, for Formosa. 10, Names, British steamer, for Hongkong. 10, Folken, British steamer, for Foochow. 12, Douglas, British steamer, for Foochow. 13, Hailong, British str., for Hongkong. 13, Hoek Po, Chinese gunboat, for Foochow. 13, Kwantung, British str., for Hongkong. 13, Vortigern, British str., for Taiwanfu.

VESSELS ARRIVED IN EUROPE FROM PORTS IN CHINA, JAPAN, AND MANILA (Per last Mail's Advice)

Valparaiso..... Yokohama..... Feb. 20

Orion (s.)..... Hongkong..... Feb. 20

Fairy..... Manila..... Feb. 22

Rodrigo (s.)..... Yokohama..... Feb. 22

Donaldson (s.)..... Shanghai..... Feb. 25

Ulysses (s.)..... Shanghai..... Feb. 27

VESSELS EXPECTED AT HONGKONG. (Corrected to Date)

Aura..... Cardiff..... Oct. 15

Figaro..... Penang..... Nov. 10

Medina..... Cardiff..... Nov. 25

Mora..... Cardiff..... Nov. 30

Elise..... Cardiff..... Dec. 3

4-pool van Cardiff..... Dec. 3

Honanwan..... Cardiff..... Dec. 14

George..... Cardiff..... Dec. 14

Andrew Jackson..... Cardiff..... Dec. 29

Maria..... Cardiff..... Dec. 30

Kaisow..... Cardiff..... Dec. 30

Forest King..... Penang..... Jan. 1

Janitor..... Antwerp..... Jan. 1

Admiral..... Cardiff..... Jan. 13

Leone..... Cardiff..... Jan. 13

Musidore..... Cardiff..... Feb. 1

Schiller..... Cardiff..... Feb. 2

Bonatty (s.)..... Antwerp via Edon..... Feb. 20

Fintalino (s.)..... Antwerp via Edon..... Feb. 20

Ghaze (s.)..... London..... Feb. 21

Gopak (s.)..... Glasgow via L. Don..... Feb. 22

General Donville..... Cardiff..... Feb. 25

General.... Penang..... Feb. 25

Metapora (s.)..... Hullsborough..... Feb. 27

Jupiter..... Flushing..... Feb. 27

OLD HIGHLAND WHISKY.

We have appointed Messrs. OVERBECK & Co. of Shanghai, Sole Agents for the sale of our OLD HIGHLAND WHISKY in China and Hongkong.

Kilmarnock, 3rd November, 1883.

JOHN WALKER & SONS.

For Sale at 88 per Case 14 dozen Bottles. SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1884.

INTIMATIONS.

FOR SALE.

AMERICAN ORGANS.

With Six to Eleven Stops, at \$100 to \$160 each, made expressly to withstand the combined heat and moisture of the Hongkong Climate.

PIANOS, by BEADWOOD, COLLARD and COLLARD, and CHAPPELL, always in stock for Sale or hire.

PIANOS, ORGANS, and HARMONIUMS.

Repaired and Tuned by a Competent Tuner from Messrs. Broadwood & Sons, London.

NEW MUSIC, received monthly from Messrs. CHAPPELL & CO., London.

LANE; CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 18th March, 1884.

TO BE LET.

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A FURNISHED HOUSE

in one of the TERRACES.

For Particulars address

J. D. B., Care of "The Daily Press" Office.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1884.

TO LET.

AT 8, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

BASEMENT, and 1st and 2nd Floors.

Apply to NAM HING LOONG.

Hongkong, 11th April, 1884.

TO BE LET.

AT 1, QUEEN'S ROAD EAST.

Apply to NAM HING LOONG.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1884.

TO BE LET.

AT 2, DOUGLAS VILLAS, CAINE ROAD.

Also, No. 6, URME MUSQUE TERRACE.

Possession from 1st May.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.

Hongkong, 7th April, 1884.

TO LET.

IN CLUB CHAMBERS.

Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1884.

TO BE LET.

IN TWO ROOMS FURNISHED.

Apply on the Premises.

No. 1, DUDDELL STREET.

Hongkong, 3rd April, 1884.

TO LET.

AT 8, SEYMOUR TERRACE.

No. 4, OLD BAILEY STREET.

No. 7, GARDEN ROAD, (known as HARPERVILLE).

No. 25, PRAYA CENTRAL.

Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.

Hongkong, 25th June, 1883.

TO LET.

AT 6, G. PEATA, CENTRAL.

Facing the Harbour on Ground Floor of Block occupied by the Messengers Maritime.

Apply to W. G. HUMPHREYS & CO., No. 6, G. PEATA, CENTRAL.

Hongkong, 2nd April, 1884.

TO BE LET.

AT 1, G. PEATA, CENTRAL.

With Immediate Possession.

HOUSE No. 27, ELOIN TERRACE.

Apply to LINSTEAD & DAVIS.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1884.

TO LET.

AT 9, MOSQUE TERRACE.

HOUSES in SPRING GARDENS, at moderate rates.

Apply to LINSTEAD & DAVIS.

Hongkong, 8th February, 1884.

TO LET.

AT 1, G. PEATA, CENTRAL.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

THURSDAY, 17th April.

INSURANCES.

ON LONDON.—Bank Bills, on demand, 3/74; Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight, 3/2; Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight, 3/81; Credits, at 4 months' sight, 3/81; Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight, 3/84; On PARIS.—Bank, on demand, 4/37; Credits, at 3 months' sight, 4/67; On BOMBAY.—Bank, 3 days' sight, 2/1; On CALCUTTA.—Bank, 3 days' sight, 2/1; On SHANGHAI.—Bank, sight, 7/24; Private, 30 days' sight, 7/24.

SHABES.—Hongkong, Shanghai Bank Shares—124 per cent. premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited—\$550 per share.

China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—\$70 per share.

North China Insurance—Tls. 1,400 per share.

Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 141 per share.

China Insurance Company, Limited—\$195 per share.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 143 per share.

Canton Insurance Office, Limited—\$95 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$84 per share.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$65 per share.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—65 per cent. premium, buyers.

Hongkong, Canton, and Manch Steamer Co.'s Shares—\$2 per share premium.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s Shares—20 per cent. discount.

China and Manch Steamer Company, Limited—per share.

Hongkong Gas. Company's Shares—\$34 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$150 per share.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—100 per cent. premium.

China Sugar Refining Company (Dobenten)—nominal.

Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$92 per share.

Hongkong Ice Co. Company's Shares—\$145 per share.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$100 per share.

Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—\$20 per share.

Selangor Tin Mining Company—\$350 per share.

Perak Tin Sugar Cultivation Company—Tls. 35 per share.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1874—Nominal.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1875—Nominal.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1878—Nominal.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—Par.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Mississ. PALFINGER & Co.'s Register.)

April 1st.

Temperature—1. 39.18

Barometer—1. 30.04

Humidity—1. 30.03

Temperature—1. 39.0

Barometer—1. 30.02

Humidity—1. 30.01

Temperature—1. 39.0

Barometer—1. 30.00

Humidity—1. 30.00

Temperature—1.

TRACTS.

A COMETARY POEM.

By OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

The Comet! It is on his way,

And singing as he flies;

The whirling planets shrink before

The sweep of the skies;

Ah! well may royal cities burn high,

And satellites turn pale;

Ten million miles of head,

Ten billion lengths of tail!

On, on by whirling spheres of light,

Ho flashes and he flares;

He turns not to the left or right;

He makes them not his slaves;

One spurns from his demoniac hool-

Away, away they fly;

Where darkness might be bottom'd up

And said for "Tyrian dyo."

And what would happen to the land,

And how would look the sea,

If in the bound'd devil's pot?

Our earth should chance to be

Full hot and high the sea world boil,

Full red the forest glows;

What though I saw and heard it all

In a豫ropic dream?

I saw a tiger take his tub,

The Comet's come to my,

I heard a scream—the gathered rays

Had staved the tiger's eye;

I saw a fort—the soldiers all

Were armed with goggles green;

Pop cracked the guns! whiz flew the balls;

Bang went the magazine!

I saw a post dip a scroll

Each moment in a tub,

I read upon the wraping back,

"The Dream of Beelzebub."

He could not see his bones bare,

Although his brain was fried,

And over and over he bent

To wet them as they dried.

I saw the swelling pitch roll down

The crackling, snorting pines,

And streams of smoke, like water-sprouts

Burst through the rumbling mines;

I ask the reason why they made

Such noise about the town;

They answered not, but all the while

The brakemen went up and down.

I saw a roasting bullet sit

Upon a baking egg;

I saw a crittle seach his hand

Extricating his leg;

I saw nine geese upon the wing

Towards the frozen pole,

And every mother's going fall

Crepted to a crackling coal.

I saw the ox that browsed the grass

Writh in the blistering rays,

The herbage in his shrinking jaws

Was all a fiery blaze;

I saw huge fishes, spilt to ruse,

Dro through the bubbling brine;

And thoughts of supper crossed my soul;

I had been rath at nime.

Strange sight! strange sound! O fearful dream!

Its memory haunts me still;

The streaming sea, the crimson glare

That wreath'd each wond'ful fall;

Stranger! if through thy reeling brain

Such midnight vision sweep,

Spare I space, O spare thine evening moan,

And sweet shall be thy sleep!

ROYAL AUTHORS.

At a time when Her Majesty has just

published another book, it may be interesting

to cast a glance at the literary achievements

of her predecessors on the two thrones of

this island. The most distinguished in this

respect, it is worth remembering, were

ancestors as well as predecessors of the Queen. Among these, was Alfred, of whom it has been well said that the most

important of his patriotic services consisted

in what he did for the literature of his country

and the intellectual improvement of his subjects. Mr. Stopped Brook goes so far as to call him the father of English prose. Nor was Alfred, as popularly supposed, a mere translator. "He translated the popular manuals of the time into English; but he edited them with large additions of his own, needful, as he thought, for English use." It is difficult to turn from Alfred—especially to his successors for many a day. Henry Beaufort wrote nothing, but put out the eyes of a knight who had lampooned him; which proves to the satisfaction of a modern pantomist that the King had enough wit to appreciate entire. Richard I. "could make stanzas on the eyes of gentle ladies," and there seems no reason to dispute the authenticity of the poem ascribed to him in Walpole's "Royal and Noble Authors." It consists of about forty lines in Provencal, the subject being his captivity. There is a tradition that Edward II. learned to versify in prison; the lines attributed to him are of the saddest, but the rhythm is not unpleasing:

Roger D'Estrange,

Lying strung like a bow.

It was enough to make a wit turn Jacobita.

Frederick, Prince of Wales, her present

Majesty's great-grandfather, could dash off a French song:

Lament Marchante glore:

Lament son a l'ameur;

Ou facons nous a dom;

A ce de nos folz le cour...

And so forth. It is quite possible that Pope and Voltaire may have praised the Prince's verses.—*St. James's Gazette.*

EATING POISON IN COUET.

Forty years ago Colonel John Van Arman,

the famous criminal lawyer of Chicago, ate

a poisoned biscuit before a Michigan jury,

and by that act secured the acquittal of a woman charged with attempting to murder her husband. From that time until now the story of the poisoned biscuit has been told throughout the Northwest many hundreds of times by lawyers and others, but it has seldom been told correctly. So far as known the true version has never appeared in print. Since the incorrect story of the matter has received such wide circulation, a reliable narrative of the incident will doubtless prove readable to many.

Somewhere between the years of 1840 and

1845 the wife of a farmer of Hillsdale, Mich., baked some biscuits one

Sunday morning and then went to church,

leaving her husband to take dinner alone.

As he sat down to his meal, however, a young farm labourer came to the house and joined him at his repast. Each ate of the newly-baked biscuits, but quickly found that some were few more than half a biscuit. Both were soon taken violently ill and displayed strong symptoms of arsenical poisoning. The young man recovered from his sickness, after some days of intense suffering, but the farmer lingered in a dying condition for more than a year, and finally expired.

Sixteen years before this time the farmer had married his wife for her money. She brought him \$3,000. He purchased a farm with this amount, and in a few years he became quite forehand. His greatest enjoyment apparently was to annoy his wife in every conceivable manner. His favourite amusement was to pull their little child out of bed in the night and beat it cruelly. They finally concluded to obtain a divorce from each other. The farmer agreed to give his wife a lion on his property for \$1,000 for the support of herself and child. The marriage was made out and placed in a lawyer's hands to await the divorce. The wife, in consideration of the mortgage, had been hard indeed to convince, if he

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